

BURR AND SMITH.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 524.]

JULY 12, 1842.

Mr. ATHERTON, from the Committee of Ways and Means, submitted the following

REPORT:

*The Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petition of Burr and Smith, report:*

That the petition states that the petitioners, of Warren, in the State of Rhode Island, merchants and copartners, purchased, in May, 1839, in the city of New York, seven casks of linseed oil, containing, by guage, one thousand forty-two gallons, which had been imported the same month into New York from Liverpool, and on which the duties, amounting to two hundred and sixteen dollars and seven cents, had been secured; and that said oil was immediately reshipped and cleared for said Warren, for benefit of debenture; that in the coastwise transportation of said oil, all the regulations prescribed by law to secure the right of drawback were fully complied with by petitioners; that the coastwise transportation certificate for said oil not being completed at the clearance of the vessel for Warren, another certificate from the collector of New York, showing that fact, accompanied said oil to Warren; that on the 18th of May, 1840, petitioners entered said oil at the custom-house for the district of Bristol and Warren, for exportation for benefit of drawback, having, as they believed and intended, conformed to all the requisitions of law for that purpose, and said oil was exported accordingly: but the collector of Bristol and Warren, because the coastwise transportation certificate from New York was not forwarded within two months from the date from the coastwise entry of the oil at that port, declined to certify the exportation of said oil to the collector of New York, without which petitioners cannot obtain their drawback. And the petitioners further state, that they supposed, as a matter of course, that the collector of New York would forward, in due season, to the collector of Bristol and Warren, the proper coastwise transportation certificate—such has been the practice in such cases in the district of Bristol and Warren.

The committee are of opinion that the facts, when properly proved to the Secretary of the Treasury, would present a proper case for relief, report a bill to that effect.

